

JIM CONLEY, Sworn for the State. It is not true that on April 26, 1913, at about 2:15 o'clock P.M. or at any other time on said day, I come out of the alley immediately in the rear of the National pencil Company factory, nor is it true that I bought a twenty cent dinner on that day or anything else from Mary Rich. Nor is it true that I returned carrying said dinner in my hand and went back up said alley in the direction of the pencil factory. I was formally employed at the National Pencil Company and I knew Mr. Becker and recall that when he left, I assisted in the removal of his desk and papers from Mr. Becker's office on the fourth floor to the office of Mr. Frank on the second floor. Among the papers of Mr. Becker that were moved were the order blanks upon which the notes written by me found by the body of Mary Phagan were found. These were moved with the desk to Mr. Frank's office. It is also true that I was a fireman in the basement of the factory for about two months; that I run the elevator for about a year and a half going to the basement and that the rest of the time while I was working at the factory I was familiar with the conditions existing in the basement. It is not true that the basement was allowed to have papers accumulated in it or stored in it. The basement was inspected by firemen of the city of Atlanta, and we were required to keep the basement cleaned of trash and papers. We were compelled to clean up all papers and trash and would burn and put it in front of the furnace and burn it up. The blank upon which I wrote was in Mr. Frank's office on the second floor of the pencil factory." There were no other blanks or books allowed to stay in the factory basement and I saw none and did not write on any found in the basement on April 26, 1913. I do not know by name Miss Helen Ferguson. I was not on the second floor of the National Pencil Company factory on the Saturday preceding April 26, 1913 and make any statement to her, "Yes, take all the boxes you want, Miss Helen". I did not keep getting closer to her, nor did I make any move as though I intended to grab her, nor did she become frightened and run away. My work is on the fourth floor and I had nothing to do with the boxes on the second floor. On Saturday mornings the factory would close at about 11:45 A.M. and I was always busy at my work cleaning up the fourth floor so as to be able to get off promptly at closing hour. This box room is immediately across a small aisle from a large working room where about fifteen ladies are at work and it is also within 50 or 60 feet of the office, where the entire office force are and at the other end of the hall within about 50 or 60 feet is the metal department where a number of people work and if I had made such an attack against Miss Ferguson, I would have done it with full knowledge that one scream from her would summon a large number of people. I never heard of any such charge against me before and Miss Ferguson never complained about what she says.